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## PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Colleen Hart, U.S. EPA  
FROM: James Christensen, FIT  
DATE: September 27, 1991  
SUBJECT: Parcel Behind 5900 Industrial Highway Site,  
Gary, Indiana  
IND980608210/F05-8704-008/FIN0568PA

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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The Parcel Behind 5900 Industrial Highway (Parcel) site is located approximately 1,400 feet northeast of 5900 Industrial Highway between the Norfolk and Western Railroad grade and the Conrail Railroad grade, in Gary, Indiana. The site is a railroad right-of-way owned by Penn-Central Corp. and is easily accessible by crossing any of the railroad grades that surround the site. The site area is well vegetated and is also a wetlands area designated by the United States Department of the Interior.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management conducted an on-site investigation at the Parcel site in 1986 as part of a preliminary assessment for the Parcel site. There is no information indicating that any dumping has ever occurred on the site. No sampling has been conducted on the site. If a potential for contamination exists on the site, it is, according to the preliminary assessment, most likely to be traceable to the National Priorities List Midco II site. Midco II allegedly discharged liquid wastes, possibly containing cyanide, arsenic, and lead, to the Parcel site via a drain pipe leading from the Midco II site to the Parcel site.

On April 21, 1987, Ecology and Environment, Inc., Field Investigation Team (FIT) inspected the Parcel site and discovered no evidence of hazardous waste activity on the site. FIT observed no wastes other than

one junked car on the site. On May 20, 1991, FIT conducted an off-site reconnaissance inspection of the site and recorded no evidence of hazardous waste activity on the site.

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EPA ID#

IND 980 608 210

SITE NAME

PARCEL LOCATED BEHIND 5900 INDUSTRIAL

NORLING FACTOR

( &gt; 15 PTS.=HIGH MITRE POTENTIAL)

WASTE TYPEWASTE QUANTITY(1 ton =  $\frac{1}{2}$  cu.yd.=13.5 cu.ft.=4 drums = 220 gals.)

PESTICIDES (5)  
HEAVY METALS (5)  
PCB's (5)  
ORGANICS (4)  
SOLVENTS (4)  
INORGANICS (3)  
ACIDS (3)  
BASES (3)  
MIXED MUNI-WASTES (2)  
UNKNOWN (1)

TONS	CU.YDS.	CU. FT.	DRUMS	GALLONS	PTS.
>875	>437	>11,799	>3500	>192,500	(5)
875	437	11,799	3500	192,500	
251	126	3,402	1001	55,055	(4)
250	125	3,375	1000	55,000	
163	82	2,214	651	35,805	(3)
162	81	2,187	650	35,750	
76	38	1,026	301	16,555	(2)
75	37	999	300	16,500	
21	11	297	81	4,455	(1)
<20	<10	<270	<80	<4,400	(0)

FACILITY TYPEPOPULATION

PILES (5)  
DRUMS BELOW GROUND (4)  
DRUMS ABOVE GROUND (3)  
SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS (3)  
TANKS (3)  
LANDFILLS (2)  
LAND TREATMENT (2)  
UNDERGROUND INJECTION (1)

10,000 or more (5)  
3,000 - 9,999 (4)  
1,000 - 2,999 (3)  
101 - 999 (2)  
1 - 100 (1)

☐ NOT A HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE☒ INFORMATION MISSING

COMMENTS:

REVIEWER:

